

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility Celebrates CLIFF Graduation

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(Logansport, IN) February 4, 2008 - Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility's Clean Lifestyle Is Freedom Forever (CLIFF) Unit conducted a graduation Ceremony for seven CLIFF participants. The graduates are part of an intensive drug recovery program that focuses on offenders with, or at risk of, methamphetamine use or addiction. To complete the program, each student must complete approximately 450 hours of treatment work. The program includes substance abuse education and process groups, Narcotics Anonymous, Thinking for a Change, Staff Mentoring, Community Service and Life Skills in addition to maintaining a full time academic schedule. It should also be noted that four of the seven graduates have also earned their GED while participating in the program.

"The CLIFF program is just one of the progressive programs that the Department offers to rehabilitate the offender population," said IDOC Commissioner J. David Donahue.

Members of the CLIFF unit worked very hard and put forth a lot of effort to complete this therapeutic program," said facility Superintendent Kellie Whitcomb. "These young men have completed an intensive program that has given them the best opportunity for success upon release."

The Cliff Unit began at the facility in December of 2005. It is the only unit of its kind for male juvenile offenders. To date, the facility has graduated 84 students from the program.

For additional information on the CLIFF program, contact Program Director Mark Harmon at (574) 753-7571.

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